

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the title:

--This application is a continuation of, and claims priority to, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/457,377, filed 6/9/2003, entitled "SCRATCHPAD MEMORY"; which is in turn a continuation of, and claims priority to, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/010,334, filed 10/22/2001, entitled "SCRATCHPAD MEMORY"; which is in turn a continuation of, and claims priority to, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/473,111, filed 12/28/1999.--